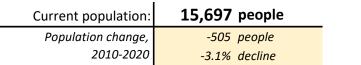
#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

## Aitkin Co.

Aitkin Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.

## **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

Aitkin Co.'s population decreased this decade, ranking as the 71st fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 53rd largest in the state. Aitkin Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).



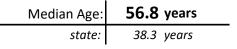
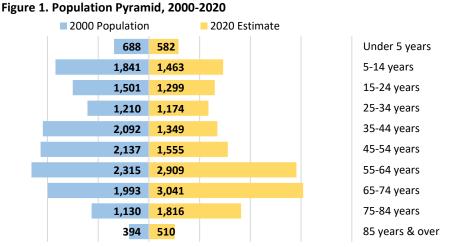


Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 582 3.7% 1,463 9.3% 5-14 years 1,299 8.3% 15-24 years 7.5% 25-34 years 1.174 35-44 years 1,349 8.6% 45-54 years 1,555 9.9% 18.5% 55-64 years 2,909 65-74 years 3,041 19.4% 75-84 years 1,816 11.6% 85 years & over 510 3.2% **Total Population** 15,697 100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Aitkin Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Aitkin Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019								
	Total		April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
	Population	Natural	Vital Events Net Migration				on	
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Aitkin Co.	-306	-888	1,070	1,958	594	7	587	
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Figure 2. Place of Birth for

Compared to the state, Aitkin Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Aitkin Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Aitki	in Co.	Change 2	010-2019	Minne	esota
Population, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	194	1.2%	16	9.0%	8.5%	28.9%
Europe	69	35.6%	6	9.5%	9.9%	4.5%
Asia	48	24.7%	7	17.1%	37.5%	30.3%
Africa	2	1.0%	0	0.0%	25.5%	72.0%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.5%	37.2%
Americas:	75	38.7%	3	4.2%	26.6%	10.0%
Latin America	53	27.3%	19	55.9%	24.1%	12.2%
Northern America	22	11.3%	-16	-42.1%	2.5%	-7.7%

the Foreign Born Population, 2019

□ Europe
□ Asia

27%

25%

■ Latin Ame

Northern America

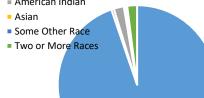
□ Africa □ Oceania

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Aitkin Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019





		Aitkin Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	15,834	100.0%	3.5%	100.0%	13.1%
White	15,003	94.8%	1.7%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	81	0.5%	131.4%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	326	2.1%	-6.6%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	68	0.4%	106.1%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	41	0.3%	70.8%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	315	2.0%	191.7%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	221	1.4%	140.2%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

#### **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Aitkin Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

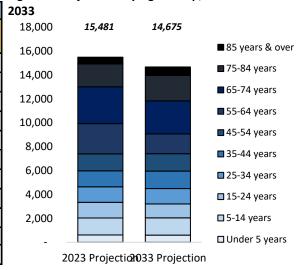
able 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033

94.8%

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033								
	2023	2033	Numeric	Percent				
Aitkin Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change				
Under 5 years	609	604	-5	-0.8%				
5-14 years	1,423	1,437	14	1.0%				
15-24 years	1,309	1,169	-140	-10.7%				
25-34 years	1,300	1,290	-10	-0.8%				
35-44 years	1,339	1,451	112	8.4%				
45-54 years	1,420	1,457	37	2.6%				
55-64 years	2,524	1,668	-856	-33.9%				
65-74 years	3,090	2,762	-328	-10.6%				
75-84 years	1,908	2,128	220	11.5%				
85 years & over	559	709	150	26.8%				
Total Population	15,481	14,675	-806	-5.2%				

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-



#### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

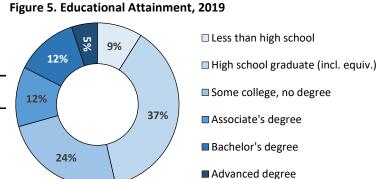
Aitkin Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Aitkin Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.1%

College-educated:53.6%state:67.1%

Associate's Degree: 11.8%
Bachelor's Degree: 12.4%
Advanced Degree: 5.1%



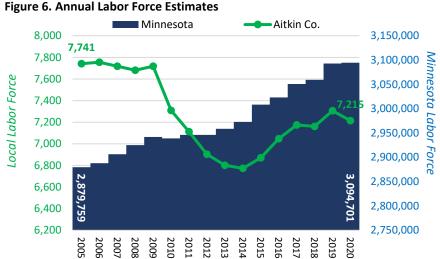
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 7.8%, Aitkin Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Aitkin Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 6.3% in 2019, but was lower than the 10.4% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Aitkin Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.



**563** unemployed workers



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

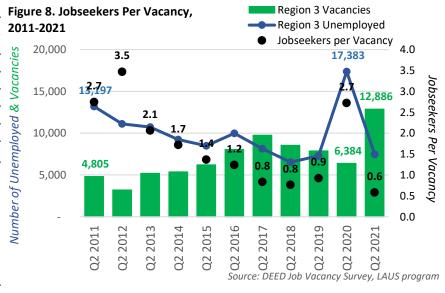
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 198.6 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Aitkin Co. averaged an annual gain of 11 new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -9.5 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Aitkin Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020 1,200 Average of 199 Average of 11 Average of -10 new workers per year new workers per year fewer workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 1,000 800 600 400 200 Ω -200 -400 -600 2012-2014 2011-20114 2010-2010 A 2009-2010 DED 2008-2008-2008 1990-1991 2000-2001 2005-2006 2013-201 2016-201 2018-201 1991-1992 1992-1993 1993-199 1994-1995 1995-1996 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2006-2007 2014-201 2015-201 2019-2020 1997-1998 1998-1999 1999-2000 2007-2008 .996-1997

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2023-2033	2023 2033				
16 to 24 years	760	702			
25 to 54 years	3,380	3,496			
55 to 64 years	1,381	913			
65 years & over	678	642			
Total Labor Force	6,198	5,753			

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Northeast reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).



## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Aitkin Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Aitkin Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2	2019						
	l l	Aitkin Co.		Minnesota		Aitkii	ı Co.
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	6,606	48.8%	5.0%	69.7%	3.6%	3,417	3,183
16 to 19 years	274	46.4%	5.8%	53.2%	11.0%	153	121
20 to 24 years	501	87.7%	12.0%	84.6%	6.0%	253	248
25 to 44 years	2,110	83.9%	4.8%	88.8%	3.2%	1,078	1,032
45 to 54 years	1,497	82.0%	3.6%	87.6%	2.7%	769	729
55 to 64 years	1,582	54.7%	4.9%	73.0%	2.8%	807	776
65 to 74 years	505	17.3%	3.6%	27.9%	2.2%	294	211
75 years & over	129	5.8%	0.8%	6.6%	2.4%	63	66
Employment Characteristics by Race 8	k Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	6,294	48.6%	4.6%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019	1
Black or African American	20	29.9%	0.0%	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	109	55.6%	19.3%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	46	100.0%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		- WI
Some Other Race	8	20.5%	0.0%	77.7%	6.1%		\\
Two or More Races	120	50.4%	13.3%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	56	38.4%	0.0%	76.5%	6.1%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disabil</b>	lity						
With Any Disability	473	41.2%	7.2%	53.0%	8.6%		95.3%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educat</b>	tional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	5,192	71.8%	4.5%	84.5%	3.0%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	266	57.6%	4.9%	66.3%	4.2%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,650	66.8%	3.1%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,278	76.0%	5.8%	85.3%	3.0%		Other Pac. Islande
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	998	76.7%	0.9%	90.0%	1.7%	■ Some O	ther Race

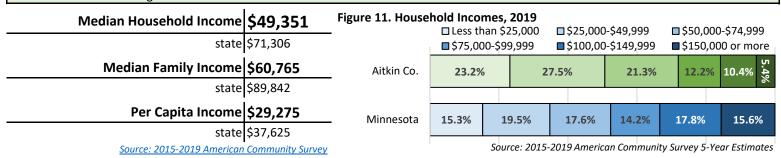
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A larger percentage of workers in Aitkin Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Aitkin Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

	Aitkin	Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time	e Leaving Ho	me to	
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20 ■ Aitkii	)19	■ Minnesota	
Worked in state of residence	6,100	98.8%	2,837,697	97.6%				40%
Worked in county of residence	3,945	63.9%	1,846,247	63.5%		I		1
Worked out of county of residence	2,155	34.9%	991,449	34.1%	12:00 a.m. to	6.1%		
Worked outside state of residence	74	1.2%	69,779	2.4%	4:59 a.m.	4.2%		
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					5:00 a.m. to 5:59			
Car, truck, or van	5,507	89.2%	2,506,244	86.2%		9.0% 9.1%		
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	19	0.3%	101,762	3.5%		9.1%		
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	272	4.4%	125,021	4.3%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		18.0%	
Worked at home	377	6.1%	171,541	5.9%	a.m.		19.6%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59			
Less than 10 minutes	1,216	19.7%	456,474	15.7%	a.m.		29.3	35.8% 8%
10 to 19 minutes	1,716	27.8%	872,243	30.0%			25.5	,,,
20 to 29 minutes	1,099	17.8%	645,460	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m.	12.		
30 to 44 minutes	1,006	16.3%	575,680	19.8%	a.iii.	14	4.4%	
45 to 59 minutes	432	7.0%	194,801	6.7%	9:00 a.m. to		10.00/	
60 or more minutes	710	11.5%	162,819	5.6%	11:59 p.m.		18.6% 23.4%	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	27.8	minutes	23.7	minutes				1

## **INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Aitkin Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Aitkin Co. had the 85th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Aitkin Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.29 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.77 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Aitkin Co.	\$31,811	\$15.29	\$0	\$348	\$163	\$590	\$911	\$257	\$382
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	onthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	COST OF LIVING	Required	Ciliu Care	roou	Care	nousing	portation	Other	Taxes
Aitkin Co.	\$55,429	\$17.77	\$479	\$795	\$519	\$778	\$1,077	\$431	\$540
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Aitkin Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 29th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Aitkin Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Total 6,310	Percent 100.0%	Percent
6,310	100 0%	
	100.070	100.0%
355	5.6%	4.6%
889	14.1%	7.8%
1,084	17.2%	12.3%
1,118	17.7%	17.9%
1,466	23.2%	28.1%
1,118	17.7%	21.5%
280	4.4%	7.9%
\$183,2	00	\$223,900
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Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019 0% 20% 30% 10% Aitkin Co. Minnesota 2010 or later 19.8% 2000 to 2009 14.1% 28.0% 1980 to 1999 27.5% 1960 to 1979 24.4% 11.5% 1940 to 1959 14.3% 10.3% 1939 or earlier 16.2%

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

28.7%

41.5%

10.8%

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage \$1,247

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

5.5%

state | 21.8%

Median monthly rent costs \$768

state \$977

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

48.3%

state 45.1%

45.404

Less than 20%25.0% to 29.9%

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

mortgage

12.1%

15.9%

8%9.5%

28.8% 36.8%

■ 35% or more

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

#### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$20.49 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$41.59) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.76) (see Table 11).

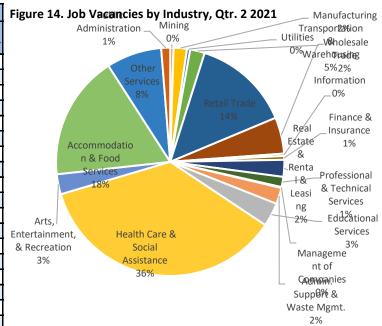
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021								
		Regio	n 3		Stat	te of Minnes	sota	
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	
Total, All Occupations	\$20.49	132,720	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%	
Management	\$41.59	6,390	4.8%	0.8	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$30.19	5,690	4.3%	0.6	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$34.80	1,810	1.4%	0.4	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$36.20	2,370	1.8%	0.9	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.15	1,510	1.1%	1.2	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$21.66	4,520	3.4%	1.7	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%	
Legal	\$32.93	560	0.4%	0.6	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$23.73	7,590	5.7%	1.0	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$18.85	1,350	1.0%	0.8	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$32.03	11,580	8.7%	1.3	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%	
Healthcare Support	\$15.08	9,870	7.4%	1.3	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%	
Protective Service	\$25.78	3,040	2.3%	1.5	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.76	11,760	8.9%	1.2	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.16	4,280	3.2%	1.2	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$14.79	2,620	2.0%	1.0	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%	
Sales & Related	\$14.34	12,400	9.3%	1.0	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$19.01	15,820	11.9%	1.0	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.44	280	0.2%	1.4	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%	
Construction & Extraction	\$29.17	7,150	5.4%	1.4	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.99	6,880	5.2%	1.4	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%	
Production	\$20.45	6,780	5.1%	0.7	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.32	8,440	6.4%	0.8	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%	

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

## **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Aitkin Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 12886 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021							
	Number of						
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer					
Total, All Occupations	12,886	\$14.20					
Management	243	•					
Business & Financial Operations	348	\$20.14					
Computer & Mathematical	207						
Architecture & Engineering	114	,					
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	78	•					
Community & Social Service	642	\$19.70					
Education, Training & Library	449	\$25.32					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,292	\$24.30					
Healthcare Support	2,195	\$12.99					
Protective Service	71	\$13.81					
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,521	\$10.97					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	565	\$12.85					
Personal Care & Service	303	\$13.25					
Sales & Related	1,284						
Office & Administrative Support	695	\$14.02					
Construction & Extraction	172	\$17.68					
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	249						
Production	238	\$14.01					
Transportation & Material Moving	705	\$15.63					



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Northeast Occupa	Table 13. Northeast Occupations in Demand, 2020							
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher					
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Nurse Practitioners					
\$25,240	\$33,249	\$66,583	\$117,194					
Home Health and Personal	Automotive Service Technicians and	Forest and Conservation	Elementary School Teachers,					
Care Aides \$27,244	Mechanics \$45,930	Technicians \$50,158	Except Special Education \$72,265					
First-Line Supervisors of	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Computer Network Support	Child, Family, and School Social					
Retail Sales Workers \$38,482	Nurses \$45,331	Specialists \$63,488	Workers \$53,625					
Pharmacy Technicians	Electricians	Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers	Pharmacists					
\$36,308	\$70,602	\$49,180	\$145,283					
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	Medical Assistants	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	Foresters					
\$28,945	\$41,349	\$36,328	\$64,293					
Operating Engineers and Other Construction \$63,769	Health Information Technologists, Medical Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and \$78,372	Surgical Technologists \$57,416	General Internal Medicine Physicians NA					
Landscaping and	Electrical and Electronics Repairers,	Electrical and Electronic	Clinical, Counseling, and School					
Groundskeeping Workers \$28,573	Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay \$95,333	Engineering Technologists and \$69,548	Psychologists \$87,008					
Customer Service Representatives	Dental Assistants	Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term					
\$34,760	\$48,543	\$52,184	\$32,249					
Construction Laborers	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Calibration Technologists and Technicians and Engineering	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists					
\$41,749	\$69,061	\$57,832	\$59,122					
Pharmacy Aides	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics,	Mechanical Engineering	Training and Development					
\$26,517	Except Engines \$58,102	Technologists and Technicians \$61,935	Managers \$109,221					

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Aitkin Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 1.1% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028						
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employ-	Percent Change			
Northeast Planning Region	2018	ment 2028	_			
Total, All Industries	160,443	162,980	1.6%			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,596	5,700	1.9%			
Utilities	1,433	1,405	-2.0%			
Construction	6,363	7,145	12.3%			
Manufacturing	8,748	8,024	-8.3%			
Wholesale Trade	3,275	3,208	-2.0%			
Retail Trade	17,469	16,467	-5.7%			
Transportation & Warehousing	4,914	4,991	1.6%			
Information	1,406	1,240	-11.8%			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	6,178	6,059	-1.9%			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,184	5,407	4.3%			
Administrative & Waste Services	3,282	3,594	9.5%			
Educational Services	12,797	12,763	-0.3%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	33,615	37,375	11.2%			
Leisure & Hospitality	18,503	18,451	-0.3%			
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	6,932	6,692	-3.5%			
Public Administration	15,345	15,329	-0.1%			

Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028

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Management	274	2,738	
Business & Financial		· '   -	
	157	1,582	
Computer & Mathematical	163	360	
Architecture & Engineering	87	594	
Life, Physical, & Social	91	356	
Community & Social Service	611	2,059	
Legal	-29	156	
Education, Training, & Library	159	<b>3,96</b> 6	
Arts, Design, Entertainment	-138	861	
Healthcare Practitioners &	699	3,194	
Healthcare Support	718	3,545	
Protective Service	-29	<b>1</b> ,312	
Food Preparation & Serving	205	10,190	
Building, Grounds Cleaning	17	3,856	
Personal Care & Service	1,089	7,009	
Sales & Related	-68	7 8,266	
Office & Administrative	1,150	10,558	
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	-130	<b>1</b> 349	
Construction & Extraction	606	<b>2,</b> 584	
Installation, Maintenance,	185	<b>2,</b> 378	
Production	-481	2,962	
Transportation & Material	120	<b>3,85</b> 5	
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#### **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Aitkin Co. had the 67th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Aitkin Co. was the 11th fastest growing in the past year and the 5th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Aitkin Co. added jobs, outpacing the state.

464 business establishments \$39,920 annual average wage
4,012 jobs \$160,160,714 total industry payroll

Job change, 242 jobs 6.4% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

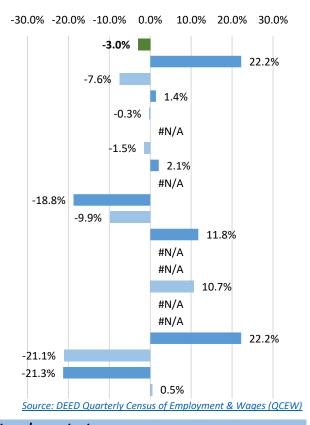


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Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Aitkin Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	4,012	100.0%	\$39,920
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	22	0.5%	\$42,369
Mining	61	1.5%	\$30,759
Construction	218	5.4%	\$46,601
Manufacturing	377	9.4%	\$46,107
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	131	3.3%	\$45,451
Retail Trade	590	14.7%	\$27,191
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	13	0.3%	\$50,571
Finance & Insurance	82	2.0%	\$49,126
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	19	0.5%	\$32,568
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	83	2.1%	\$39,532
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	55	1.4%	\$18,627
Accommodation & Food Services	403	10.0%	\$14,632
Other Services	111	2.8%	\$20,512
Public Administration	376	9.4%	\$45,038

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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